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## **PRODUCER OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY FROM KOKOMO, INDIANA SENTENCED TO 235 YEARS**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

INDIANAPOLIS - David Metzger, 54, Kokomo, Ind., was sentenced to 235 years in prison late Friday by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to producing and possessing child pornography. This case was the result of an investigation by the Kokomo Police Department, Indiana State Police, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

On October 28, 2009, Kokomo Police Department conducted a search warrant at the home of David Metzger in Kokomo, Ind. Several minor age females had alleged Metzger had photographed them nude and some alleged he had sexual contact with them. Inside Metzger's home, police found a computer with four hard drives installed, another computer with five hard drives installed, a desktop computer, and a laptop computer in addition to numerous pieces of computer media. Seven minor victims, all younger than 12 years old, alleged as Jane Does 1-7, were depicted in numerous videos and pictures that were on Metzger's computer collection. Metzger had networked and encrypted his computer system. The videos showed the seven Jane Doe victims in various nude dancing segments. Metzger's voice is heard promising to pay them \$15 to make the video. Metzger also provided the Jane Does with adult sex toys. Metzger pleaded guilty to 15 counts of producing child pornography and one count of possessing child pornography involving the Jane Doe victims and other internet child pornography he had collected over a several year time period. Metzger's computers will be forfeited.

"This is an incapacitating sentence for another pre-teen producer," said U.S. Attorney Morrison. "This offender will victimize no additional children." According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who prosecuted the case for the government, Metzger has remained in custody since his arrest.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by

the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafecchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafecchildhood.gov).

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